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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR

1. I CALLED ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN MIKHAIL JAKOVLEV AT HIS OFFICE MARCH 17. WE COVERED CSCE, THE MIDEAST, US AND SOVIET ECONOMIES, AND SWEDEN'S RELATIONS WITH THE SUPERPOWERS.

2. ON CSCE, JAKOVLEV REPEATED FAMILIAR SOVIET REFRAIN THAT CSCE SECOND PHASE SHOULD BE QUICKLY WRAPPED UP SO THAT THIRD PHASE COULD BE HELD THIS SUMMER IN HELSINKI AT SUMMIT LEVEL. I REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD BE WORTHY OBJECTIVE, PROVIDED THAT NECESSARY PROGRESS IS ACHIEVED IN GENEVA.

3. JAKOVLEV THEN LAUNCHED INTO LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF SOVIET ECONOMY, WHICH ACCORDING TO HIM, IS EXPANDING AT A HEALTHY RATE, WITH CURRENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN MEETING OR EXCEEDING ITS NORMS. HE SEEMED PARTICULARLY PROUD OF
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LAST YEAR'S WHEAT PRODUCTION, WHICH HE CLAIMED HAD

TOTALED 176 MILLION TONS. AFTER FINISHING HIS DISCOURSE ON ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOVIET ECONOMY, JAKOVLEV ASKED ME ABOUT STATE OF US ECONOMY. I POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE CURRENT RECESSION, THERE WERE SOME HOPEFUL SIGNS, INCLUDING A DECLINE IN PRIME INTEREST RATE AND IN INVENTORIES, WHICH SUGGESTED THAT WORST OF RECESSION PERIOD COULD BE OVER AND THAT ECONOMY WOULD BE MOVING UPWARDS AGAIN IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

4. JAKOVLEV DESCRIBED THE US TRADE ACT AS "REGRETTABLE" BUT SAID IT HAD NOT RPT NOT CHANGED SOVIET VIEWS ON DETENTE, AND NOTED THAT ECONOMIC EXCHANGES ARE CONTINUING. I AGREED THAT AN ENDURING DETENTE WAS CERTAINLY IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS.

5. WITH REGARD TO MIDEAST, JAKOVLEV MADE NO REFERENCE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CURRENT MISSION IN THE AREA, AND REPEATED SOVIET LINE THAT A GENEVA MEETING WAS NECESSARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A "POLITICAL" SETTLEMENT. WE BOTH AGREED THAT A SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA MUST BE BASED ON UN RES 242 ('AND 338# JAKOVLEV ADDED). JAKOVLEV INSISTED THAT FINAL AGREEMENT MUST SATISFY LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF PALESTINIANS AND OTHER PEOPLES IN AREA. I REPLIED THAT SECRETARY WANTS ALL PARTIES INVOLVED TO PARTICIPATE IN FINAL AGREEMENT. I EMPHASIZED THAT US IS NOT TRYING TO IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA, BUT THAT SECRETARY WAS SEEKING TO INSURE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND, THUS, TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER.

6. JAKOVLEV ASKED ME ABOUT STATE OF US-SWEDISH RELATIONS. (THIS, TOGETHER WITH STATE OF US ECONOMY, SEEMED SUBJECTS ON WHICH HE WAS MOST INTERESTED IN HEARING MY VIEWS.) I REPLIED THAT OUR RELATIONS ARE VERY GOOD. OF COURSE, I CONTINUED, WE HAVE SOME SLIGHT DIFFERENCES OF PINION, SUCH AS THE VIETNAM QUESTION. WE RESPECT AND WELCOME SWEDISH NEUTRALITY.

7. JAKOVLEV NOTED THAT SWEDISH-SOVIET TRADE IS INCREASING. HE SPOKE OF THE SOVIET PURCHASE OF SAAB-SCANIA AIR CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MOSCOW AIRPORT AS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT. CONFIDENTIAL

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(STOCKHOLM 1153) HE SAID THAT SWEDISH CONSTRUCTION OF A MINERAL WOOL PLANT AND TWO HOTEL PROJECTS ARE INDICATIONS OF GROWING SOVIET-SWEDISH ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

8. JAKOVLEV DESCRIBED SOVIET-SWEDISH RELATIONS AS "NORAML." WHEN "CERTAIN PEOPLE" IN SWEDEN DEPLORE DETENTE BECAUSE OF A SUPERPOWER CONDONINIUM, HE CONTINUED, THE SOVIET PRESS ANSWERS THESE STATEMENTS. I NOTED THAT

SWEDEN HAD BEEN EAGER TO HAVE DETENTE BETWEEN THE SUPER-POWERS IN ORDER TO SEE A REDUCTION IN INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS. NOW, I CONTINUED, DETENTE EXISTS, AND I COULD SEE NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER THAT SWEDEN'S INTERESTS HAD BEEN HARMED. CONCLUDING, I SAID THAT INASMUCH AS BOTH SOVIET-SWEDISH RELATIONS AND US-SWEDISH RELATIONS ARE GOOD, THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE IN OUR COMMON INTERESTS, TO WHICH JAKOVLEV AGREED.

9. COMMENT:MY CONVERSATION WITH JAKOVLEV SEEMS TO ME TO SUPPORT EMBASSY MOSCOW'S ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT SOVIET POLICY TOWARDS SCANDINAVIA (MOSCOW 3485), I.E. THE SOVIETS ARE NOT RPT NOT EMBARKING ON MAJOR NEW COURSE IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE SCANDINAVIAN STATES. JAKOVLEV'S INSISTENCE THAT SOVIET-SWEDISH RELATIONS ARE NORMAL, AND RECENT STATEMENTS MADE TO ME BY SENIOR SWEDISH OFFICIALS PLAYING DOWN THE RECENT STRAIN IN RELATIONS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND STOCKHOLM (STOCKHOLM 1092) SUGGEST THAT NEITHER SIDE WISHES TO PAY UNDUE OFFICIAL ATTENTION TO THE RECENT SWEDISH ACTIONS (JOINING THE IEA, PARTICIPATION IN THE STARFIGHTER REPLACEMENT COMPETITION, ETC.) WHICH HAVE PROVOKED THE SOVIET PRESS. WHATEVER MAY BE MOSCOW'S MISGIVINGS ABOUT THESE SWEDISH ACTIONS, THERE HAS BEEN CERTAINLY NO INDICATION HERE THAT ANY HARSH NEW SOVIET INITIATIVES ARE IN THE OFFING. JAKOVLEV'S RELAXED ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE SWEDISH SITUATION FURTHER STRENGTHENS MY IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS ARE TAKING SWEDISH DEVELOPMENTS IN STRIDE,CONVINCED THAT SWEDEN'S KEEN APPRECIATION OF POWER REALITIES WILL INHIBIT IT FROM STRAYING FAR FROM ITS TRADITIONAL NEUTRALITY.
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